

## SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 12 as follows:

-- The invention is a printing method employing a planographic printing plate material capable of being developed on a printing press, the printing ~~plate~~ plate material comprising a support, and provided thereon, an image formation layer, a part of which is capable of being removed with dampening water and/or ink, the method comprising the step of imagewise exposing the planographic printing plate material, developing the exposed planographic printing plate material with dampening water and printing ink to obtain a printing plate, and carrying out printing employing the resulting printing plate, while the dampening water is filtered and re-circulated. --

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 7 as follows:

-- The hydrophobic precursor particles are not specifically limited, and may be any particles as long as they can form an oleophilic image formation layer due to heat generated by irradiation of infrared laser. The hydrophobic precursor particles are preferably thermoplastic particles

or microcapsules encapsulating ~~thermoplastic particles or~~  
oleophilic materials. --